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WEDDINGS

WILLIAMSON-CROSBY

Miss Phyllis Newhall Crosby of Arlington became the bride of Earl Sherman Williamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williamson of Bethel, Me., on Wednesday, Dec. 28. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents, former Senator and Mrs. J. Howell Crosby, at 282 Myrtle street, Arlington, by Rev. Charles H. Watson, D. D., of Belmont, formerly the pastor of the Arlington First Baptist church.

The wedding was simple and witnessed by only the immediate families of the bride and groom. Other than a flower girl, Elmer Howard of Kitchener, Ontario, a niece of the bride, there were no bridal attendants.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was gowned in white satin and lace and she carried a conventional veil of tulle held in place with orange blossoms. Her bouquet was a shower of bride roses and sweet peas. The flower girl wore pale blue organdy and pink ribbon, and she carried a basket of sweetheart roses. The decorations at the house were in keeping with the Christmas season, with laurel festoons and poinsettias.

William E. Wood of Arlington, organist emeritus of the Arlington First Baptist church, played the bridal march and other wedding music on an organ. Following the ceremony, a reception to relatives and friends was held.

Miss Crosby is a graduate of the Sargent School in Cambridge, Mr. Williamson, who is a graduate of the Wentworth Institute in Boston, is now in business in Bethel, Me., and following a wedding trip in Maine he and his bride will make their home in Bethel, for the present.

VERRELL-ALLEN

Mr. Henry M. Verrell and Hannah A. Allen, both of Bethel, were married at West Baldwin, Me., Saturday, Dec. 24. Mr. Verrell is the mail carrier on R. F. D. 4. Bethel friends extend congratulations and best wishes.

ARENBURG-WILSON

Married in Bethel, Saturday evening, Dec. 31, 1921, by Rev. J. H. Little, LeRoy Herbert Arenburg of Gilead, Me., and Evelyn Pearl Wilson of Shelburne, N. H. The single ring service was used.

AUGUS-ALLEN

Sunday evening, Jan. 1, 1922, Alexander Arthur Augus and Ethel Linwood Allen, both of West Bethel were united in marriage by Rev. J. H. Little using the single ring service.

SPINNEY-YOUNG

Mr. James Albert Spinney and Miss Marguerite Young, both of Bethel, were united in marriage at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gehring, Dec. 31. Rev. W. C. Curtis performed the ceremony, the double ring service being used.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association will be held in the Grammar School Building Monday evening, Jan. 9. Don't forget the date. A good attendance is especially desired.

The committee for the evening, consisting of Mr. H. C. Rowe, Mrs. Lorton Hutchinson and Miss Edna Bartlett, have arranged an excellent program. Mr. A. C. Torroff of the Maine Baby-Saving Society will be present and speak in behalf of Child Welfare and the work being done in the State wide campaign for Healthier Babies.

The 7th and 8th grades will present the following entertainment:

Chorus	Excitation	Dorothy Hanson
Piano Solo	Ruth Glance	Excitation
Girls and Boys	Marguerite Flint	Excitation
Victrola Selections		

Make an effort to be present and bring an interested friend.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL, WEST BETHEL

These not absent one-half day during the Fall term:

Monel Elcher	Lorton Hutchinson	Geraldine Valentine
Franklin Borris	Hollis Hutchinson	Hazel Lutton
Ethel Held	Hope Wheeler	Alton Lutton
Josephine Lowell	Nelle Held	Reginald Westleigh
Alta Brooks	Hazel Grover	Raymond White
Ida Elcher		

BETHEL AND VICINITY

Mrs. I. H. Wight was in Portland, Tuesday.

Miss Dorothy Chandler is working in the Central Lunch.

The town schools began Monday. The Academy began Tuesday.

Mr. Ray Cummings was home from Augusta over the holidays.

Mr. Paul Mills is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mills.

Miss Adelaide Ramsell is in Portland, attending Gray's Business College.

Mr. Ray Parker returned to his studies at Wentworth Institute, Monday.

Master John Twaddle was the guest of Laurence Bartlett, Saturday.

Mr. Will Love has been doing some carpenter work for George Haggood.

Messrs. Chester and Roy Cummings were home from Fryeburg for the holidays.

Miss Ernestine Philbrook has returned to her school in Amesbury, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Iman are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Iman.

Mr. Will Haggood of Grover Hill called on Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Haggood, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kimball of Albany were in town one day last week, shopping.

Bessie, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Gertrude Haggood, who has been very ill, is improving.

Master Edwin Morrill was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Dora Becker, of Albany, recently.

Miss Leona Maxwell of Lynn, Mass., was a guest of relatives and friends in town last week.

Mrs. Bessie Sloane has been assisting Mrs. A. M. Morrill while she was working at the Willows.

Mrs. Ada Ashby of Presque Isle is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. R. R. Tibbitts, and family.

Mr. Roger Sloane of Portland was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Geo. Haggood, and family, Dec. 24.

Messrs. Harold and Roger Bartlett have returned to their studies at the State College, Durham, N. H.

There will be a special meeting of Sunset Rebekah Lodge, Monday evening, Jan. 9, at I. O. O. F. Hall.

Mr. Robert and Miss Kathryn Hanson have returned to their respective schools in Brunswick and Lewiston.

Miss Marion Frost left Monday for Pittsfield, Me., after spending the holidays with her father and sister.

Messrs. E. P. Lyon, Charles Lyon, H. A. Lyon and Lion Brown attended the funeral of Sewell Lyon at Auburn, Sunday.

Misses Laura and Mabel Cummings have returned to their schools after spending the holiday vacation at their home.

Mr. Miller Clark, who has been spending several weeks with relatives in Brunswick, N. Y., returned home last week.

Mr. H. P. Hanson and Miss Anne Hanson have returned to their homes in Bethel after spending the winter at Mount Ida.

Miss Marion Mansfield has returned to Portsmouth, N. H., after spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Ella Mansfield.

Mrs. Leona Home and Miss Gertrude Bailey left last Thursday for North Carolina, where they have employment for the winter.

Next Sunday, Lewis I. Peck of Lewiston, President of the Maine State Chapter of Universalist Comrades, will give an address in the Universalist church at the morning service on the work of the Universalist men, in and for the church. The service is not limited to men; it is the regular service for all, and it is hoped there will be a large attendance. There is a bare possibility, owing to illness, that Mr. Peck may not be able to be here.

THE HOLIDAYS AT BETHEL INN

Winter Sports of all Kinds Enjoyed at This Popular Resort by a Large Number of Enthusiastic Guests

The holiday season at Bethel Inn has been exceptionally brilliant, and many guests have enjoyed to the full the winter sports which Bethel affords, and the charming hospitality dispensed at the Inn.

The season may be said to have opened on December 15 with a reception given by Messrs. Bingham and Upson to the Twentieth Century Club of Gould's Academy, consisting of the members of the Senior Class and the faculty. The evening's program opened with a grand march, and the young people were kept busy with dances and fun-provoking games until the refreshment hour. Mr. and Mrs. Upson received the Club with Mrs. Cilley, and others present besides Mr. and Mrs. Hanson and members of the faculty.

Rev. and Mrs. Achenbach, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Curtis, Mrs. G. L. Thurston, Mr. Charles L. Pollard, Mr. Thomas Crosby, Miss Mildred Bosserman, Miss Ola Hutchins, Dr. and Mrs. Wight. The young people thoroughly enjoyed the evening, although everyone regretted the absence of Mr. Bingham and of Dr. and Mrs. Gehring, who were roundly cheered at the end of the program.

After Christmas the Inn rapidly filled up with guests until not a vacant room remained.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Baneroff of Boston entertained a large party of young people at the Willows, including Miss Mary Baneroff, Miss Jessie Baneroff, Miss Jane Baneroff, Master Hugh Baneroff, Jr., Miss Amy Lee, Miss Elizabeth Wentworth, Mr. Edward Lund and Mrs. Wenhau.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson S. Crosby, who arrived in time to spend Christmas with their son, Thomas, were accompanied by the latter's brother, Mr. Wilson S.

Miss Esther Tyler left Monday for Boston, where she will resume her studies at B. U.

Master Laurence Bartlett was the guest of his uncle, Mr. Levi Bartlett, one day recently.

Mr. W. J. Douglas returned from Flint, Mich., Sunday, accompanied by his uncle and aunt.

Phyllis Bartlett was the guest of her schoolmate, Dorothy Parsons, at the Haggood farm one day recently.

Miss Marian T. Pratt of Reading, Mass., a former teacher at Gould's Academy, is the guest of Prof. and Mrs. F. E. Hanson.

Mrs. Carrie Arno was in town last week on her way to New Hampshire where she will spend a few days before returning to Davenport, Iowa.

Mr. William Forbes has returned to the home of his brother, Mr. M. Forbes, after spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tidwell at Upton.

Messrs. Edgar Cross and N. C. Machin were at the lakes on a fishing trip over Christmas. They brought back a good string and report the fishing as good.

Miss Hannah Harrington was at Bethel Village, Thursday, shopping, walking both ways, a distance of 8 miles; quite a walk for a woman of her age.

Miss Marjorie Farrell has returned to her studies at Bryant & Stratton Business College after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Farrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Cash and son, Herbert, who have been with Mrs. Cash's mother, Mrs. Alice V. Holman, since Dec. 7, have returned to their home on the Indian Mills road.

Mrs. Alvin M. Gandy and her daughter, Avea Gandy, are guests, until Friday, at Mrs. Alice Holman's.

Our Chief Engineer, G. B. Harlow, has been a very busy man the past week putting out chimney fires, so has thus eight having been put out by him. No serious damage was done in any case.

Mrs. H. P. Wheeler invited a number of friends to spend the evening at her home on Church street last Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. Lenora Howe and Miss Gertrude Bailey who left Thursday for North Carolina for the winter. The evening was spent socially. Delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. Wheeler being assisted by her daughter, Ruth, and Miss Ida Packard.

SEWELL A. LYON

Sewell Augustus Lyon, a successful Auburn farmer died at his home at Maple Hill Thursday noon, in his 49th year. He suffered an attack of influenza three years ago, and never recovered from its effects.

Mr. Lyon was born at Bethel, the son of Abiel and Ella Verrell Lyon, but had made his home at Auburn for many years. His first wife, who was Winifred Brown of Bethel, died thirteen years ago. In 1914 he married Beryl Castner of Waldoboro. He was a member of North Auburn Grange.

Besides his widow he is survived by four children, Stanley, Verna, Mabel and Thelma, all of Auburn; also by four brothers, Elmer Lyon of Auburn, Charles, Edward and Harry Lyon of Bethel.

The funeral was held Sunday, Jan. 1.

FARM BUREAU NEWS

There will be a meeting of the Farm Bureau on Saturday, Jan. 7, at 10 A. M., at Odd Fellows Hall, Bethel. A free dinner will be served at noon, bring pastry. Men's planning meeting. Women's Demonstration. Boys' and Girls' Club. The County Agent, Mr. Lovejoy, and Miss Litchfield are expected to be present. Everybody is invited to attend this meeting.

GOULD'S ACADEMY

Owing to the Christmas vacation there have been no G. A. notes in the last two editions of the Citizen.

In spite of the very severe weather most of the students returned for the opening session on Tuesday.

Regular class work and basketball practice begins in the William Bingham Gymnasium this week.

Two new students are registered this term, George Philbrook of Gorham as a Junior and Lawrence Brown of North Waterford as a Freshman.

NOTICE

Sudbury Lodge, K. of P., will hold a meeting on Tuesday evening, Jan. 10, at 6:30 o'clock. Supper will be served at 6 o'clock. There will be work in the Bank of Page. Please notice the time of meeting, 6:30.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the friends in Skillington and vicinity also the Mothers' Club, for their very generous Christmas gifts and for other kind words of sympathy and cheer during my recent illness. Zaidee M. Haselden, Bethel, Me.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Rev. J. H. Little, Pastor

Morning service at 10:45.

Sunday School at 12:00.

Evening service at 7:00.

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METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. C. L. Wheaton, Pastor

Morning service at 10:45. Subject, "What a Hypocrite Can Do."

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EAST BETHEL

After a vacation of two weeks schools are in session under the direction of the same teachers, Messrs. Greely and Van der Horst, who are teaching with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Nason.

Miss Edna Bartlett returned to her teaching as principal of Bethel Grammar School, Monday.

Misses Edith and Irene Trask, Ruth Holt and Berneice Holmes have returned to their homes.

Miss Laura Cummings of Bethel was last week's guest of Mrs. Carrie Bartlett and family.

Mr. Wm. Hastings was New Year's guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Cole and family at Greenwood.

Mrs. Lucretia Bean has returned to her home here for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Swan entertained a party of young friends, Saturday evening, Dec. 31, in honor of Mr. Swan's birthday, to whom it was a great surprise. The evening passed very pleasantly with piano and vocal music, games and sociability. Refreshments were served, cigars passed and a smoke talk enjoyed. "Happy New Year, Happy New Year," was the many exclamations to their host and hostess as all prepared for home just as the New Year of 1922 was ushered in.

THE V. E. JONES LETTER

FARM BLOC WORRYING G. O. P.

The Republicans have a party program that they are very anxious to put through Congress, and it would seem that with comfortable majorities in both Houses that there ought to be no trouble about passing any kind of a law that has the "okey"—as Mr. Wilson used to write it—of the Republican leaders. But someone has thrown a monkey-wrench into the party machinery, and there is no need to look far for the perpetrator of the act—because the farm bloc admits its full guilt. The farm bloc is made up principally of Republican Senators and Representatives; and every one of them will tell you that they are eager to carry out their party program. The unfortunate part of their position, from the standpoint of the President, who has scolded mildly, and in the opinion of Secretary of War Weeks who has denounced them for what he terms unwise "group action," is that the farm bloc has very definite ideas about what kind of programs should be made for the Republican party. In one sense they are like the old-time groups that were called "insurgents" and "progressives." All the survivors of those factions are in the farm bloc. But the farm bloc insists that it is regular to the "steenth degree." All it wants is a "program"—the particular kind of a program that is just like it wants! And if the Republican managers have any different kinds of suggestions to make, then the farm bloc simply reserves the right to revise those suggestions. Like Patrick Henry of old, they assert that they are entirely loyal, and when other Republicans cry "treason," they coldly reply: "If this be treason, make the most of it."

In the days when party lines were tight the constituted leaders used to drive the members of such organizations as the farm bloc out of their party. But there have been great changes, and to the desultory talk of such procedure the farm bloc says it will give a hearty welcome. The farm bloc is worrying the G. O. P., but the party is not inclined to break with its members. But the G. O. P. is worried, because it realizes that it can not make a party program without consulting the wishes of the farm bloc. This means "compromises," and that is the thing the old guard hates—but it is something that has always been done, and always will be done, by the managers of the destinies of political parties. Some of the provisions of the tax bill were dictated by the farm bloc, and in that legislation the bloc showed that no party program can get through Congress that does not have its support. Senator Kenyon of Iowa, in the recognized head of the farm bloc, and he is supported by Senator Capper of Kansas, and a great many of the Republican leaders in both Houses from the Middle West and Far West. The farm bloc does not represent a "split" in the Republican party. On the contrary it is a new "power."

WALLACE DEFENDS THE FARM BLOC

While the President and Secretary Weeks have disapproved of some of the methods of the farm bloc it is very interesting to follow the course of Secretary Wallace, head of the Department of Agriculture, who has rallied to the support of the legislation approved by the farm bloc. "That anyone should be disposed to regard such legislation as of the nature of class legislation, intended to or having the effect of benefiting one group at the expense of other groups, is surprising," he declares. "It is not in any sense class legislation," he continues. "Our first task is to bring agriculture through this critical period with the least possible damage. Senators and Representatives from the surplus producing States appreciate the gravity of the situation, as indeed, do hundreds of thousands of business men who have dealings with the farmer directly or indirectly. It is quite natural, therefore, that there should be considerable support for such legislation."

Thus Secretary Wallace indicates that he is helping to line up with the Middle West where the farmers' interests are considered first of all. It is suggested that the geographical location of New England may have some effect upon the contra-wise views of Secretary Weeks. But Secretary Wallace goes further, and he accepts the challenge of those who are opposing specialization in farm legislation, by saying: "If those who have been charged with promoting unwise class or group legislation for the benefit of agriculture should desire to retort in kind, they could find ready at hand many examples of unquestionable class legislation enacted in behalf of relatively small groups."

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WEST PARIS

The men of the Universalist church will serve a supper on Wednesday, Jan. 11. All members and friends are urged to be present.

Dr. W. E. Webber was in town Sunday, and assisted by Dr. Wheeler performed an operation on Miss Nellie Dicknell.

May, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Packard, is seriously ill from meningitis following pneumonia. The little fellow has never been strong and his recovery is not expected.

Edwina Mabel, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Mann, was christened by the pastor at the Universalist church, Sunday morning.

E. W. Penley entertained his seven grandsons at a New Year's dinner Sunday. Those present were: Edward, Robert, Francis, Albert, and Irving Penley of West Paris, Edwin Smith of Norway, and Donald Penley of Portland. The boys took a hike before dinner and one of the boys reported that the way they dispensed chicken and the many good things would do justice to any boy scout.

Walter Ricker of Portland was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ricker, during the Christmas holidays. Leroy Everett was in Lewiston recently to consult Dr. W. E. Webber as he is in poor health.

Orlando Robbins is having electric lights installed in his house.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence B. Whitney of Skowhegan were guests over Sunday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brock. W. A. Tuell of Lewiston has been a recent guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adney Tuell.

The Christmas pageant given by the Federated and Universalist Sunday Schools was very nicely presented on Christmas night to a large audience.

Wednesday evening the Universalist Sunday School enjoyed a Christmas tree with gifts for all. Ice cream and cake were served by the superintendent, Mrs. L. C. Bates.

F. Warren Waterhouse is in very poor health. He expects to go soon to the home of his sister, Mrs. Alanson Cummings, where an open sleeping porch is being prepared.

Laura Barden is at home from South Paris, where she has assisted at the post office during the Christmas rush.

Miss Ethel Flavin, who is attending Farmington Normal School, was at home during the Christmas recess. On Thursday evening Miss Flavin entertained a party of friends and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

Rev. and Mrs. H. P. Aldrich and Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Markley were recent dinner guests of Rev. and Mrs. Alkali Raita. Mr. Raita and family are to move to Massachusetts soon.

Mrs. Harry Patch and daughter Mary were in Norway, Saturday.

There were the usual Christmas parties and family Christmas trees. E. W. Penley and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ridlon were entertained at a family party at Ernest Herriek's, So. Paris. On Monday Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Markley entertained Dr. and Mrs. Wheeler and Dorothy and Miss Lillian Tibbets, H. N. of Portland. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mann and son Edward were guests of Miss Addie Shattuck, Norway. Laforest Emery and family were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hill. At Edwin J. Mann's the Christmas dinner guests were Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Markley, Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Wheeler and daughter Dorothy and Miss Tibbets of Portland, Lewis M. Mann, Mrs. Cynthia Curtis, Mrs. Maud Benson, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Tuell, and the host and hostess and their three children, Lewis, Gertrude and Edwina. Mrs. Lewis Mann and Mrs. Jennie Andrews were unable to attend on account of illness.

WEST PERU AND DICKVALE

Jim Saunders and son have taken a birch job of C. V. Richards under Specked Mountain in Franklin Annex.

Elmer Child and Gerald Tracy are working for Chubbourn on the Chas. Andrews farm.

Chas. Andrews, who boards at Sylvester Seales', is in very feeble condition, owing to the shock he suffered two months ago.

Some of the farmers are harvesting their ice.

Master John Shaw, who was home for the holidays, returned to his school in Portland this week.

Miss and Mrs. H. M. Watson visited Mrs. Annie Chase at the home of Alton Brown in Dixfield one day last week.

Roscoe Knox died December 25 after an illness of twenty-four hours with double pneumonia. He was 76 years old, and leaves a wife and two daughters, one sister and several brothers.

HARSH CATHARTICS ARE HARMFUL

SECURE RELIEF PLEASANTLY

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SOUTH PARIS

William C. McArthur has been spending a short time in Freeport. Mr. and Mrs. John Harper of Portland were recent guests of relatives in town.

Roy Martin and Albert Cook of Greenwood were in town recently.

Frank McGinley from Bates College has been spending his vacation at home.

Mrs. Arthur E. Forbes is the guest of relatives in Canton.

Murray Bigelow, who teaches in Parsonfield, has been spending his vacation in town.

Irving O. Barrows has been nominated for notary public by Governor Baxter.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos King were recent guests of their daughter, Mrs. Lucian Littlehale, and family in Bethel.

The meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society will be held with Mrs. T. S. Barnes, Thursday afternoon at 2:30.

The following officers of Mr. Allen Lodge, I. O. O. F., will be installed by District Deputy Grand Master Elmer E. Stiles at the meeting of Jan. 5:

Noble Grand—D. P. Chapman.

Vice Grand—R. Leslie Cummings.

Sec. Sec.—Earl W. Farnham.

Fin. Sec.—E. E. Stiles.

Treasurer—E. M. Millett.

Trustees—Geo. F. Eastman, W. B. Strickland, Frank E. Kimball.

The village schools began Monday.

Norton Woodsom of Mechanic Falls were in town, Saturday.

Misses Eleanor Clifford and Barbara Turner were home from Gorham Normal School for the holiday recess.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid of Deering Memorial church will be held at the home of Mrs. Kate Stuart, Thursday, Jan. 5, at 2:30 P. M.

The Kappa Klub met Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Irving O. Barrows.

When five tables were filled at room.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert P. Farnham of Gothic Street reached the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on Sunday, and received numerous calls from relatives and friends in honor of the occasion.

They were also present with flowers, potted plants, and some pieces of gold, and a wedding cake was made for the occasion by Mrs. Victor Whit-

man of Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Farnham were married at South Paris, Jan. 1, 1872, by Rev. Mr. Hatch at the Methodist parsonage. They lived for forty-five years in Norway, and came to So. Paris to live in August, 1920. Mr. Farnham lost a leg with gangrene in March, 1920, and gets around but little. They have two daughters, Edith, wife of Fred Hersey, both of Norway, both of whom were here on Sunday. A young man, Norvel Brown, has also had a home

with them since early life. There are eleven grandchildren.

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In the dim ages of history when man first felt the desire for beauty, traders searched the world for dyestuffs, jewels, perfumes, spices, and precious woods. The risk of these voyages was great and only princes or nobles could afford the fruits of ventures to the far corners of the world. No man of humble origin could aspire to the rich crimsoned linen, the Royal Purple of ancient Tyre, retailing at \$500 a pound. Royal Purple is an age-old insignia of aristocracy. This dye was secreted by a small shellfish on the Eastern coast of the Mediterranean and here the enterprising merchants of Tyre formed a dye monopoly equaled only by the German Cartel.

A bit of the whitish liquid secreted by this mollusk, if spread upon a cloth and exposed to the air and sunlight, turns first green, next blue and then purple. If washed with an alkali soap it becomes the magnificent crimson worn by the Cardinals and Princes of the Catholic Church. Tyrian purple vanished from the marts of the world with the fall of Tyre.

Synthetic chemistry learned the secret of making Royal Purple as, indeed, it learned to manufacture indigo, the same deep blue that may be seen today in museums, the winding sheets of Egyptian mummies. It was an achievement to snatch its distinctive color from royalty and to rival the best vegetable indigo of the ancients but modern chemistry has gone far beyond that. Today any kind of dye found in nature can be made in the laboratory. Indeed, among the 900 shades and colors being manufactured there are tints that it would be difficult to discern in the rainbow.

These colors all come from coal tar but after it is understood that coal tar is the quintessence of the forests of untold ages the feat does not appear to be so marvelous.

And still for centuries this country has been wasting vast quantities of the precious material. In fact, the

Coal tar, the refuse of ancient vegetable kingdoms, is valuable because it produces a galaxy of brilliant colors, not so much for the colors themselves but because in producing them so many intermediates are developed that are of inestimable worth to the industrial life of the nation.

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CANTON

A meeting of the Farm Bureau was held at the Grange Hall, Thursday, with a good attendance. County Agent, Raymond H. Lovejoy, was present and gave helpful suggestions. The following officers and project leaders were chosen:

Chairman—C. Fred Tripp
Sec.—B. A. Bisbee
Project Leader of Crops—
Horace L. Worden
Leader of Stock—C. W. Walker
Leader of Boys' and Girls' Clubs—
Frank L. Walker
Leader of Poultry—Mrs. John Briggs
The women's branch of the Farm Bureau was organized at this meeting. Miss Anita Nicholson of the U. of M. was present and gave helpful suggestions on the work relating to the home and its problems and of the duties of the officers and project leaders of the organization. The following officers and project leaders were chosen:

Chairman—Mrs. C. W. Walker
Sec. and Publicity Agent—
Miss Ethel Russell
Project Leader of Food—
Mrs. E. K. Hollis
Leader of Household Management—
Mrs. J. L. Gammon
Leader of Clothing—
Mrs. D. A. Bisbee

A "Betty" demonstration will be held at the next meeting, which will be of interest to all and a large attendance is looked for.

Mrs. Arthur E. Forbes of South Paris has been a guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Willis B. Gilbert.

Mrs. Eleanor Vining of Rockland, Mass., is a guest of Mrs. Angie Hodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Tirrell of West Poland are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Mildred Irene. The youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Patterson, who is having a light run of scarlet fever, is getting along nicely. The home is quarantined.

A family gathering was held at the home of A. E. Russell on Christmas Day, all being present except Miss Nina Russell, who is in New York, and Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Russell of Poland.

Mr. Wm. B. Robinson of Temple is spending a few days at the home of W. L. York.

Mrs. O. D. Hodge and daughter, Gertrude, have been spending a few days in Lewiston.

A post card shower was sent to Mrs. Elizabeth Hadley of Marblehead, Mass., on New Year's Day, which is her 90th birthday anniversary.

Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes will occupy the pulpit of the Universalist church on Jan. 8th.

Mrs. Clara Paine Conant of Canton passed away Tuesday night after a few days illness with heart trouble at the age of nearly 85 years. She was born in Jay, the daughter of Oliver L. Paine and Sarah Humphrey Paine. She has been an esteemed resident of Canton for 58 years, moving to the farm home where she died, a few days after her marriage to Benjamin Conant on Nov. 1st, 1863. Mr. Conant passed away years ago. They had one son, Wallace G. Conant, who lives on the home place. She is also survived by two granddaughters, Gladys and Clara Conant. A sister, Miss Martha Paine, who also resided at this home, passed away a few months ago.

Miss Agnes M. Heald of East Sum has been a guest of Mrs. M. A. Waite.

A pleasant meeting of the Universalist Circle was held at the home of Mrs. Lillie Blacknell, Friday. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Ora D. Hodge.

Mrs. Susie Cole, who has been spending the past few months with her son, Floyd Cole, and family in Massachusetts, returned home Saturday night.

Miss Alice Cushman has been at home from Bates College for the holiday recess, returning Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Roberts of Rockfield have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Parsons.

Miss Mary N. Richardson returned to her studies in Boston, Saturday.

Hazel and Mabel Gilbert spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gilbert.

Mrs. Lavorgna, Jr., has been at home from Boston during the holidays.

Mrs. T. A. Potter and son, Melvin, returned to their home in Woodford, Saturday.

H. Frank Richardson has been spending a few days in Massachusetts.

Merton Ellis has been visiting at his home in town.

Mrs. J. B. B. and son, Sharrman, of Richmond are guests of her parents, Arthur Foster and wife.

Pearl Cole spent Christmas with his family at Attleboro, Mass.

Miss Alice Walker has been at home for the holidays.

Pearl and Robert Welch of Biddeford have been guests of their sister, Mrs. Nathan Waite, and family.

Clifford Sampson has been spending the holidays at home.

Miss Ruth Richardson, who has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. Elmer R. Lane at Casper, Wyo., will start for California the first week in January.

Gertrude G. Barron, who taught in the Canton village schools the past year, has a good position as supervisor of music in the schools of Bangor.

A handsome beaver weighing 53 pounds and measuring three feet and

seven inches from tip to tip has been on exhibition at the Canton station and was shipped to Augusta, Saturday afternoon to be mounted for the State House. It was caught on the "big meadows" near Stubbs' Mills, where there has been a beaver dam for years. A complaint against George James of Strong was made for the trapping of beaver. Game Warden John L. Howard of Mexico called James to Livermore Falls and the case was settled out of court, Saturday. C. W. Blanchard of Wilton represented James, and after communicating with Game Commissioner Willis E. Parsons, James forfeited the animal and his traps were returned to him. The State paid the costs at court.

Ethel Bryant of Hartford is ill with scarlet fever.

ANDOVER

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanus Learned entertained at dinner New Year's Day. Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Learned and daughter Flora, Mr. and Mrs. George Baranger, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Silver and baby, and Jesse Glover and family.

Oscar Danoff, who has been very ill, is much improved.

Annie and Florence Akers returned to their schools in Rumford, Monday.

The Young People held their first whist party of the season Thursday evening in the Hook and Ladder Hall with twenty-four members present. Refreshments were served. Mrs. Lillian Small Virgin and George Akers won the first prizes and Mrs. L. E. Mills and Ralph Akers the consolation prizes.

Mr. W. N. Akers and family were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Akers.

Mrs. Mary Knapp of Roxbury has been visiting her parents, Samuel Marston and wife.

The schools in town opened Monday for the winter term.

The King's Daughters will hold their annual meeting for election of officers at the home of Mrs. Wirt Lovejoy, Thursday afternoon, Jan. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. David Glines are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Saturday, Dec. 31.

Volney Sweet and Fred French, Jr., returned to their studies at the State College, Orono, Monday.

The Elliott, Bartlett Spool Mill Co., has purchased a piece of land opposite their mill of J. Edward Akers and are having birch landed there.

Several young people in town gave Viola Searle a surprise party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Norton, Tuesday evening, in honor of her approaching marriage to Mr. Steven Lord of Rumford. Miss Searle received many nice presents. Dainty refreshments were served.

Mrs. Elva Mitchell is cooking at Hotel Milton.

The Hebron Academy students, who have been spending the vacation at their homes in town, returned to the school, Tuesday.

On account of the absence of the pastor, there were no services at the Congregational church, Sunday.

Lone Mt. Grange held its regular all day meeting in the hall, Saturday. Miss Florence Akers acted as Lecturer and called on each member who responded by a recitation, song or reading something for the good of the order. There was also music by the Grange. There was a good attendance.

Miss Olive Akers has returned to the Gorham Normal School.

Charles Bunlett is driving stage for Edmund Doran.

Charles T. Poor was the guest of his son, Harold Poor, and wife, Christmas Day.

Mrs. I. W. Daw of South Paris is caring for Mrs. Jonathan Bartlett, who recently fell and broke her arm.

The Andover Hook and Ladder Company held a whist party and dance in the town hall, Monday evening, Jan. 2.

An oyster and pastry supper was served in the dining hall from 6 to 8.

C. A. Hand has been quite ill.

Mrs. Joel Morton is very ill.

Mr. B. L. Akers left town last week for Pittsburg, Pa., where he will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Wakefield.

Friday morning, Dec. 29, the thermometer registered from 17 to 20 degrees below zero about town, and a number of water pipes were frozen.

Miss Viola Peter Norton, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Norton, and Mrs. Steven Lord of Rumford were united in marriage the day before last at Rumford.

Mrs. Lord is a graduate of Andover High School and has been a successful teacher in town where she has many friends who wish them much happiness. Mr. and Mrs. Lord will make their home in Rumford.

Miss Doris Jones of Mexico, who teaches at North Andover, is boarding with Mrs. Roger Thurston.

The dower mill of the late B. A. Graver shut down indefinitely last week.

STONEHAM

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Curtis and three children spent the day Sunday with Mrs. Curtis' sister, Mrs. Robert Russell, at North Lovell.

Henry Trimback of N. Lovell is working in the woods here for V. H. Littlefield and boarding at Solon McAllister's. Harold Farrington and Lucy McAllister spent Sunday with Mr. Farrington's parents in South Paris.

The Circle, entertained here by Miss Minnie Littlefield and Miss Bessie Durrell, was well attended.

Mrs. A. F. Moody, who has been sick, is much better.

Mrs. Frank Grover, who is at Mrs. Will Bird's at Albany, is caring for Mrs. Bird's daughter, who is sick at this writing.

The dance given here at the K. of P. Hall by Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Pileg met with a great success. Mr. Pileg has another dance here Thursday, Jan. 5. All are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Grover and two children, Edgar and Mary, visited at Mr. Grover's brother's, I. H. Grover, at Stoneham, recently.

Vera Butters has returned to her work at W. S. Butters, after spending Christmas and New Year's with her parents.

Gladys Parker and Rex Martin were in Lovell one day last week.

There was a tree at the church on Monday night, Dec. 25, for the Sunday School children. There was a large turnout of both old and young. The children were much delighted when Santa came running in and passed around their presents. The Sunday School also gave a very interesting program.

Marguerite Chaplin of Norway visited friends here last Thursday and attended the dance at the K. of P. Hall Thursday night.

Catherine Littlefield and Olive Stearns, who have been spending their vacation of two weeks at home here have returned to their school at Norway High.

Walter Newcomb is working for Johnnie Files.

Sewell Butters of West Lovell called at Herman Richards one day recently.

NORWAY

Stanley True, who is attending Bryant & Stratton Business College, spent the holiday recess in town.

Thalmer Joslin, who is a student in an osteopathic school in Boston, has been spending a few days at home.

Miss Harriette M. Taylor was the guest of her mother in Hampton, N. H., during the holidays.

Mrs. Geo. Holt of North Waterford has been a recent guest of relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ham and little daughter of Auburn were recent guests of relatives.

Mrs. Gertrude Barner has been entertaining her son and two daughters during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Austin have been making a visit in Haverhill, Mass.

Miss Velma Holson of North Waterford has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Kilgore.

The Barton Reading Club met with Mrs. D. L. Joslin, Thursday afternoon.

A very interesting meeting was held. Miss Helen Bartlett of Andover was a guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Addison Holt, last week.

Oscar Needham celebrated his 78th birthday last Tuesday.

Pearl Jack of Backfield is the guest of his brother, Merle Jack.

Miss Edith M. Hildout of Newton, Mass., was a recent guest of her mother, Mrs. Hilda Hildout.

Fred E. Smith has been nominated by Governor Baxter as a notary public.

Miss Julia Cummings, who has been visiting in Halifax, Mass., has returned home.

Frank Monro has returned to Portland after spending several weeks in town.

Harold C. Perham of West Paris was in town one day last week.

Dr. P. L. Dixon of Lewiston was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Libby a few days last week.

Mrs. B. G. Porter and daughter were guests of Miss Mercy Millett last week.

Philip J. Foss and Charles F. Cummings, students at Bowdoin College, spent their vacations in Norway.

PORTER

Mr. J. Elliott of Livermore and Mrs. Bertha Tenkesbury, formerly of this place, were united in marriage here at Kears Falls by O. L. Stanley. Her many friends here wish her much happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Ezra Eastman.

Fred Mason and wife spent Monday at the home of Charles Sawyer.

Vernon Stanley and wife passed the week end as guests of David Bidlow.

Raymond Brownell and family of Edinham Falls were Sunday guests of Mrs. Harry Goodwin.

Wirt Cross and wife visited at Harry Bies' on Monday.

Norman Eastman hauled a load of grain with his truck for Jens Johansen on Tuesday.

Noyes Norton attended the funeral of his brother's wife, Mrs. Lealie Noyes, Tuesday afternoon.

JUST GOT OVER A COLD?

Look out for kidney troubles and backache. Colds overtax the kidneys and leave them weak. For weak kidneys—well, read what a Bethel man says:

P. M. Wood, 4 Park St., says: "My kidneys began to annoy me some years ago after I had strained my back lifting. After this my back ached pretty badly and I was in bad shape—for a long time. When I took cold, my kidneys got congested and at times they acted irregularly. After Doan's Kidney Pills were recommended, I began to use them and they took hold of trouble quickly. I soon had relief from the backache and the action of my kidneys was corrected. Now, I use Doan's Kidney Pills as needed and am always benefited. I always keep the remedy on hand, getting my supply from Bossman's Drug Store." (Statement given June 8, 1916.)

On September 9, 1920, Mr. Wood said: "During the past four years, Doan's Kidney Pills have done fine work whenever I have used them for any sign of kidney weakness. I think just as highly of Doan's today as when I first endorsed them."

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HIRAM

On Saturday there was a festive gathering and Christmas tree at the Methodist church at East Hiram. Many persons were made happy by useful presents. One interesting feature was a pair of mittens knit by Mrs. L. Wilbur Souther of West Baldwin, the blind poetess. They were a present to Llewellyn A. Wadsworth, who has sent her one of his poems, weekly, for months.

The mittens were, he was heard to say, facetiously, that they suited better than single mittens that ladies sometimes distributed sixty years ago. Mr. Wadsworth got caught in a shower of twenty valued gifts in the festive week, including also cards and letters from ninety friends in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Illinois, Utah, California, Colorado, Canada and Washington, D. C.

On Sunday A. M., Rev. L. Wilbur Souther preached one of his excellent sermons to the faithful few at the Methodist church.

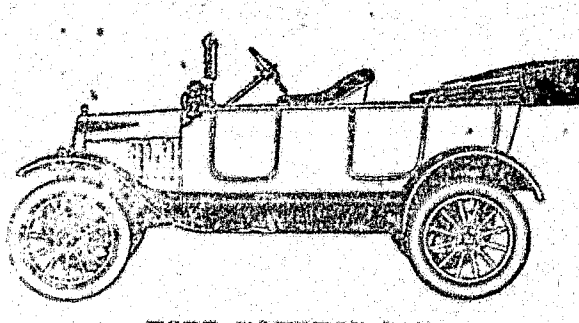
On Sunday A. M., there was a very pleasant program in the Sabbath School at the Congregational church. The recitations by the children were well rendered. There were select readings by the superintendent, Mrs. John B. Pike, and Mrs. Nellie Rankin.

Rev. Willard H. Palmer of Hallowell

will preach in this church, Jan. 10.

Mr. Eldrie C. Burnell is passing the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Amzi Sanborn, Sabbath, Me.

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MARSHALL DISTRICT

DEFERRED

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Swan and son, Harry Swan, of Locke's Mills, also Mr. Henry Swan of Livermore Falls were guests at G. W. Briggs' last Monday.

Geo. Briggs and two daughters were callers at Fred Littlefield's last Sunday.

Master Millard Littlefield of North Waterford is spending most of his vacation with his sister, Mrs. Alton Paine.

Roscoe Swan of Bethel visited at G. W. Briggs', recently.

MILTON

Ruth Billings was the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Billings.

Ephel Eastman visited at Mrs. Winola Billings' a few days last week.

Clinton Buck is harvesting his ice for the coming year. Ice is good now.

Phon Brown is sawing ice for Geo. Davis.

Nancy Millett has returned to her school at Castine after spending a two weeks vacation at her home.

There was a box supper and social at the Bethel and Milton schoolhouse, Friday night, Dec. 30th. Hot coffee was served.

LOOKER'S MILLS

Mrs. W. H. Crockett installed the officers of Jefferson Chapter, O. E. S., at Bryant Pond, Friday evening.

Bert Goodwin of Norway was in town, Sunday.

Mrs. A. R. Stowell visited relatives at Bryant Pond, Sunday.

Several Scouts from West Paris have been at one of the camps for a few days.

Donald Tebbets is out of town on business.

Frank Cummings has gone to Vanceboro, where he will have charge of a mill.

The little child of Charles Larrabee died Saturday from whooping cough.

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The Merchandising Policy of this store provides for the selling of each season's goods within that season that such prices as now rule are in force. However, the winter season has really just begun, in consequence of which the very merchandise that you will be most in need of now can be purchased 25, 33 1-3 per cent, and in some cases 50 per cent, less than earlier in the season. The woman with a saving instinct realizes this and plans and purchases accordingly.

COATS FOR EVERY OCCASION

COATS for every occasion, sport wear, motoring and dress up. Some plain tailored, others with fur collars, half or full lined, some are belted, others with full back with a two way belt.

LADIES AND MISSES' COATS \$12.45. One lot containing several styles, all new this season, in brown, reindeer and navy. Some of the coats were \$19.75.

LADIES' AND MISSES' COATS \$16.50. Several styles at this price, a few with fur collar, several have beautiful figured lining, most of these coats were \$24.75.

LADIES' COATS \$24.75, very attractive models of splendid material, lined throughout; one coat has fur collar. These coats were \$34.75 to \$39.50.

ONE LADY'S COAT \$34.75, was \$49.75, of Bolivia Cloth with a figured silk lining and has an interlining, a beautiful racoon collar, a good looking and staple style.

SALTS PECO PLUSH COATS

Garments made of Salt Plush, stand out pre-eminently above all others, having a wonderful fur like richness and appearance which makes them the unanimous choice of discerning and fashionable women everywhere.

ONE PLUSH COAT \$27.50, was \$34.75, has black opossum collar and cuffs, 40 inches long, two way belt.

LONG PLUSH COATS for \$19.75, were \$24.75, lined throughout, has the two way belt.

ONE PLUSH COAT for \$12.50, 36-inch length.

CHILDREN'S COATS

All in the sale at 25 to 33 1-3 discount

LADIES' SUITS

Now at Half Price

You can buy any suit in the store at just one-half the regular price at the first of the season.

Many of the suits are fur trimmed, some are beautifully embroidered, others are tailored beautifully, silk linings are used.

SUITS that were \$45.00,	now \$22.50
SUITS that were 42.50,	now 21.25
SUITS that were 37.50,	now 18.75
SUITS that were 29.75,	now 14.85
SUITS that were 24.75,	now 12.35

GEORGETTE WAISTS

WAISTS that were \$5.95, now \$3.95

Here is an opportunity to save a nice little sum in the purchase of a Georgette Waist, several styles and colors that are headed and lace trimmed.

VOILE WAISTS

Many styles, greatly reduced

One lot containing several styles, long and short sleeves, lace and hamburger trimmed, 59c is the price.

VOILE WAISTS, several styles in long and short sleeves, lace and embroidery trimmed, among this lot are several handmade, were \$2.95 to \$3.95, go into sale \$1.95.

SILK DRESSES

Great Values Await You

Very desirable models of Canton Crepe, Satin and Crepe-de-Chine.

Dresses that were \$24.75 and \$22.50 in sale at \$17.75.

WOOL DRESSES

One lot that was \$24.75, in sale at \$18.75

Made of Tricotine and Serge, several styles, some are beautifully embroidered.

ONE LOT DRESSES of Tricotine that were \$19.75, in sale at \$14.95.

LADIES' FURS

Scarfs and Muffs

This mark down comes just the time you need furs the most.

Fur Scarfs that were \$18.00 In the Sale at \$13.50

Fur Scarfs that were \$16.50 In the Sale at \$12.50

Fur Scarfs that were \$12.50 In the Sale at \$9.95

Fur Scarfs that were \$7.05 In the Sale at \$5.05

Fur Muffs that were \$14.95 In the Sale at \$11.50

Fur Muffs that were \$7.05 In the Sale at \$5.95

Many Beautiful Skirts

At Greatly Reduced Prices

Beautiful quality Dress and Sport Skirts of Prunella and Worsted in pleated models, shown in a variety of rich stripes of nearly all colors.

Skirts that were \$16.50 to \$18.00 In the Sale at \$12.50

Skirts that were \$9.95 In the Sale at \$7.45

Skirts that were \$5.95 In the Sale at \$3.95

BROWN, BUCK & CO.

NORWAY, MAINE

RETAIL TRADE FOR 1922

The prospect in retail trade for 1922, as defined by representative members of the National Retail Dry Goods Association doing business in the larger cities of the United States and in many of the smaller centers, is for a twelve-month somewhat better, on the whole, than 1921. Recovery promises to be gradual with very large sales volume expected from the early Fall until the close of the year.

This auspicious outlook is not held, however, through the South where the uncertain future of cotton creates extreme conservatism, while the Southwest hopes for a prosperous year only through large crops or higher crop prices.

Practically all agree in anticipating more stable business conditions, with prices little changed. Retail merchants have taken, during 1921, the smallest net profits on which they can do business. Any decline in prices must originate with manufacturers, whose reductions the retailer can pass on to the consumer. The opinion is that the other factor capable of bringing about reduction of commodity prices is lowered freight rates.

Sectional Report on Business Conditions New England: New England anticipates general improvement as unemployment in local industries decreases. Merchants would welcome lower prices but as a rule are expecting a stiffening of prices with a slight drop in certain lines, with prices maintained on standard, advertised brands of merchandise.

Middle Atlantic States: Retailers generally look forward to a gradual improvement for next year, with a decided turn in business late next Summer and very great activity for Fall with the end of the retrenchment period. They look for a gradual decline unless the downward trend is checked by the manufacturers.

Southern States: The South is divided as to the retail outlook. Richmond and New Orleans are optimistic, counting on a favorable Spring, with larger sales in the Fall, as do also Louisville, Atlanta and Birmingham. The South on the whole expects a decline in prices.

Central States: General improvement in retail business is expected in the Middle West with the exception of the city of Cleveland, where very slow recovery is anticipated, depending largely upon conditions in the steel and textile industries. Grand Rapids reports great activity in the furniture factories which augurs well for confidence in a general business revival throughout the country. The feeling is that prices are gradually being stabilized. The close of 1922 should see prices somewhat lower than they are today.

The West: In the West 1922 looks favorable but the first few months are expected to be slow, with improvement toward the end of the Spring. Reduction of freight rates is considered an important factor in the West, where the belief is that lower transportation charges will stimulate manufacturing and buying.

Pacific Coast: The Pacific Coast expects exceptional business in the Fall of 1922, basing its confidence on hope of large crops and on the belief that unemployment will then have been eliminated. Washington and Oregon anticipate light Spring and Summer trade because of inactivity in mining and of low prices of agricultural products. Heavy demand for lumber in Washington and renewal of mining operations are expected on the North Coast. Stores reporting from these sections look for a gradual decline of prices as wages and freight rates are adjusted.

MASON

Mrs. A. M. Gavey and daughter, Ave. of Sumner and Mrs. P. B. Cash and son, Benton, of Bethel, who were guests at Eli Grover's the past week, have returned home.

Master Paul Grover is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Gavey, of Sumner.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Luxton of Bethel spent Christmas at E. H. Morrill's. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Tyler of Grover Hill spent Christmas Day at E. C. Mills'.

SONGO POND

Abner Kimball is harvesting ice for Mr. Rich, Harry King and also for himself.

Miss Calia Kimball, who has been spending a few days in Berlin, the guest of Fred Gorman and family, has returned home.

Ed Good and Jim Edwards are cutting ice for Edward Lapham and Irvin Beckler.

George Morey is working for Edward Lapham and boarding with Mrs. Carlton Saunders.

Fred White and Arthur Garber are working for Hastings on the Houlton place and boarding at Abner Kimball's.

Don Dellehanty, who has been spending a few weeks at the Bennett farm, has returned to his home in Auburn. Abner Kimball while putting on the belt of his engine to saw wood got caught and was bruised and lamed up quite badly.

Mr. C. C. Hubbard is visiting at Abner Kimball's a few days.

To Keep Well

Don't Worry, Don't Hurry, especially at meal times or just before eating. To chew your food thoroughly is absolutely necessary if you expect it to digest. If you swallow your food whole, eating while worried or excited, you are paving the way for stomach trouble. If you are already having indigestion as a result of rushing your meals, reform your habits now, today.

"L.F." Atwood's Medicine in a small dose after meals will help you to get into normal working order. They relax and regulate the bowels, and relieve constipation. They are safe and sure—50 cents a bottle, one cent a dose at your dealer's.

"L.F." MEDICINE CO., Portland, Maine

BIG DEMAND FOR NEW ISSUE OF TREASURY CERTIFICATES

Much favorable comment regarding the new issue of Treasury Savings Certificates is being received by E. C. Ayres, Government Savings Director, First Federal Reserve District, from all parts of New England. From the demand already in evidence it is apparent that a security has been devised which fills a long felt want among both large and small investors. A large number of \$1000 maturity value certificates has already been sold by the Boston Post Office, and many similar reports have been received from other first class post offices of the district. The fact that these certificates are bought at a minimum price and increase automatically in value every month, thus precluding the possibility of loss of either principal or interest, and providing an income rate of 4 1-2 per cent compounded semi-annually, is a strong argument in their favor.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Postal Savings Division held recently, a resolution was adopted permitting the allowance of interest on a monthly basis on such Postal Savings Certificates as are to be applied toward the purchase of Treasury Savings Certificates. For example: If a depositor in the month of January, 1922, presents a \$50 Postal Savings Certificate bearing date of October 1, 1921, for the purchase of a Treasury Savings Certificate for \$20 and the withdrawal of \$30 in cash, prorated interest will be allowed for the months of October, November and December on \$20. Prorated interest will not be allowed on the remaining \$30. An incentive has thus been provided for investment in Treasury Savings Certificates.

After January 1st 25 cent Thrift Stamps, the sale of which was discontinued on December 31st, will be accepted toward the purchase of either Postal or Treasury Savings Certificates, or are redeemed in cash at their face value. They represent just so much money which should not be lost sight of.

The sale of War Savings Stamps ceased on December 31st, but those now outstanding will mature on January 1, 1926, at \$5 each, and may be applied toward the purchase of Treasury Savings Certificates, or may be redeemed in the interim at the values shown on the certificates to which they are affixed.

All of our readers are advised to look up any incomplete thrift cards and see that they are applied on the purchase of either Postal or Treasury Savings Certificates, or are redeemed in cash at their face value. They represent just so much money which should not be lost sight of.

The postmaster takes personal pleasure in recommending the purchase of these Government securities for he knows that they are absolutely loss proof and as such form a security that can never be the subject of criticism by the investor.

A Sure Reminder

Perhaps the most original suggestion for a "reminder" was that of the little boy whose grandmother had forgotten his birthday present the year before. She wished to know what she could do in order that she should not forget it again. "You might put your teeth in upside down," said the boy.

COME IN FOR YOUR

Winter Supplies and Sporting Goods.

Christmas is over but your needs will be taken care of by

G. L. THURSTON CO.

BETHEL, MAINE

BRYANT'S POND

A special town meeting has been called to be held on Jan. 9th at 10 A. M. to see if the voters will agree to open a private way across the land of Bryant's Pond to the town of Lewis M. Mann & Son.

Robert Cashman returned Monday to continue his studies at the Bethel Institute, a trade school in which he is taking a three years' course.

Our new postmaster, Ned L. Swan, assumed his duties Jan. 1. Miss Powers is assisting in the office for the present.

Miss Mary Bartlett of East Orange, N. J., is passing the holidays with her sister here, Mrs. Etta Day.

Claude Cashman is cutting the timber for a large barn to be erected on his farm the coming spring.

Myron Barker came from Worcester the first of the week to assume his duties as an assistant in the high school. Woodstock High School basketball team goes to Berlin, N. H., Jan. 14, for a return game.

The fair at North Woodstock chapel, Dec. 10, was well patronized and a sum amounting to over \$40 was raised toward needed repairs on the chapel building. More entertainments will be held through the winter.

Mr. Missa Greeley Baron, wife of Ralph M. Baron, died quite suddenly on Sunday afternoon.

She was a young woman beloved in the community and with many friends who will miss her pleasant ways and cheerful disposition. The funeral was held at the home on Tuesday.

EAST SUMMER

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Eastman spent the holidays in Portland with Mrs. Eastman's people.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hendeen are rejoicing over the birth of a son, Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Keene have gone to Portland to stay awhile with their daughter.

Mrs. O. H. Turner is improving in health.

Mrs. Buzzell, who has been housekeeper for Charles Hammond, has finished work on account of poor health and returned to Monmouth.

Ray Smith is working in Lewiston. Ralph Palmer has returned to her work at New Haven, Conn.

Everett Hessey and sons of Rumford were guests at C. A. Bonney's, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Palmer were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Keene, Thursday.

Mrs. T. A. DeCosta and son, John, of Rumford visited relatives here last week.

School opened Jan. 3 with the same teachers. Miss Virginia Conant in charge.

Mrs. Cynthia Donney celebrated her 52nd birthday Jan. 4, by having her children with her. She is remarkably well for a woman of her age.

Herold Poem

There is no life of a man faithfully recorded but is a heroic poem of its sort, timed or untimed—Carle.

THE J. E. J.

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THE J. E. JONES LETTER

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What Secretary Wallace has said is not different from what others have been saying in and out of Congress, but it shows that the agricultural bloc is determined to either construct every desired piece of legislation affecting agriculture, or to exercise the power of vetoing in Congress the acts constituting the Republican program that do not come within the scope of its convictions. There is a good deal of talk about the tariff law just now, and speculation as to when it will become a law. The farm bloc has this particular piece of legislation in its fist, and the possibilities are that before Spring the country will have presented to it a regular "farm-bloc-tariff-law."

COLOMBIA ACCEPTS \$25,000,000

The treaty between the United States and Colombia reimbursing Colombia to the extent of \$25,000,000 for territorial losses sustained through the setting up of the republic of Panama, has recently been ratified by the government of Colombia, after a debate and a political contest in that country that has been raging since the treaty was favorably passed upon by the United States last April. With the payments that are to be made from the United States treasury the Colombian situation will finally be wound up in a way that will preserve for this country the goodwill of the Central American countries.

There is a wonderful bit of history in the seizure of the isthmian region by the Colombian Department of Panama and the setting up of an independent government on November 3, 1903. Under the hair-trigger diplomatic methods of President Roosevelt the independence of the new republic was recognized on the next day, and on November 18 a treaty between the new republic and the United States was signed. A Panama Canal Commission was appointed the following February, and in April, 1904, the purchase price of \$40,000,000 was paid to the French company for its interests in the canal.

The original negotiations with Colombia called for the payment of \$10,000,000 by the United States, but this was opposed in this country on the ground that the canal development would be more beneficial to Colombia than any other region, and that the payment of such a sum would be "blood-money."

However, as soon as Colombia found that it would receive this amount of money it struck for a greater sum, and while relations were strained between the two governments a one-day revolution brought the republic of Panama into existence. Colombia started an army to seize its revolting dominion, but President Roosevelt made it so plain that the United States would enter the war, if there was one, that the Colombians finally withdrew. Shortly thereafter the Colombians demanded \$20,000,000 to satisfy their wounded feelings, and this estimate they raised to \$40,000,000, but the compromise was finally effected at \$25,000,000. It is suspected that the reason why Colombia has hesitated from April to December to accept the amount is due to a desire on the part of some of its politicians to raise the amount.

THE RELEASE OF DEBS

The pardoning of Eugene Debs must be considered as purely complimentary to the individual Debs, since there isn't a drop of sympathy in the Administration or the Department of Justice for the socialistic "freedom of speech" of Debs. Doubtless the President and the Attorney General arrived at about the same conclusions as did the Mayor of New York several years ago, when he answered the popular demands of "supper" for the malcontents with an order giving every one of them the privilege to mount their own soap box and "talk their fool heads off." And when they were given this opportunity many of them quickly found out how worthless they were. Debs has emerged from prison to be hailed as the champion of the "proletariat," and strangely enough, leaders in the American Federation of Labor have helped to boost him into public notice. Already he has begun the state work pretexts of the socialists and is in a fair way to go to the state of the soap-box men. Debs is to be given all the rope he needs, and the Government believes that in this way he and all who think as he does, will be led to a more sane and sane position in martyrdom behind prison bars.

SOUTH ALBANY

Miss Verna Kimball returned to Norway High School, Sunday, having spent the Christmas vacation at home. Mr. C. M. Fullerton hauled ice for James Kimball last week, Tuesday. Roy Wardwell sawed wood for B. J. Flint, Monday.

Leon Kimball has been sawing ice on French's Pond for Merritt Sawin, Ernest Brown and Walter Caswell. Mrs. Howard Allen, who has been at North Norway, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wardwell and Verna Kimball attended the dance at North Lowell, Friday night. David McAllister is having good success selling fresh fish and oysters.

RUMFORD

The following officers are chosen for the coming year in the Napoleonic Order of the American Legion: Commander—Ena Carrier; Vice Com.—Albert Bellevue; Adjutant—George Kilgore; Finance Officer—Peter Becaker; Employment Officer—Philip Marx. There are three or four members of the Executive Committee and Sergeant at Arms to be elected.

Books recently added to the Rumford Public Library are: To Him That Hath by Ralph Connor; When Egypt Went Broke by Holman Day; Far To Seek by Maud Diver; Ode to the West Wind by Arthur Housman; The Empty Sack by Basil King; The Pride of Palomar by Peter Kyne. Some of the non-fiction includes White Shad by Frederick O. Brier; The Car That Went Abroad by Albert Paine; My Brother, Theodore Roosevelt by Corinne Roosevelt Robinson; Queen Victoria by Lytton Strachey. All of the stores in town were closed on Monday of this week in observance of New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne J. Wheat of Bucksport announce the birth of a daughter who has been named Evelyn Frances Wheat. Mrs. Wheat was Miss Louise Jones of Wilton and Mr. Wheat was for many years a resident of Rumford.

Dr. Rowe has moved into his new home on Penobscot street.

The following officers have been chosen for the coming year in the local Ladies' Auxiliary of the American Legion:

President—Mrs. Rose Bisson; Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Agnes Doran; Secretary—Mrs. Caroline Burden; Treasurer—Miss Judith Bellevue.

Press Cor.—Mrs. Leo Berry; Ex. Com.—Mrs. Josephine Landry; Miss Lella Saunders, Mrs. Fortier.

The following intentions of marriage are on the Town Clerk's books: Eugene Claude Coolidge and Miss Glory Jennie Dougan both of Rumford; Henry Steven Lord of Rumford and Miss Viola Esther Searle of Andover; James J. Gallant and Miss Clara Paulin, both of Rumford.

At the Rumford Public Library last week Tuesday 187 books were loaned out, the largest number ever sent out from this library in a single day. Interest in the library is continually increasing. A new magazine rack has been placed in the reading room, and there are 85 magazines taken at this library, and five daily papers, not including the local paper.

Joan is the name which has been given to the daughter recently born to Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Kilborn.

A recent marriage is that of Miss Annette Austin and Albert James Silver, which took place at the home of the bride's parents in South Paris. Mrs. Silver has been teaching in the South Rumford school. The young couple will reside in Rumford.

Rand A. Dunham of this town, a 4th year student at Harvard Medical School, has been awarded a scholarship in recognition of his distinguished academic work. He took his undergraduate courses at Bowdoin College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dunham of Knox street.

The death of Mrs. Zolpha Thurston, wife of George Thurston, occurred last week at her home on Kerr street, after an illness of grip. Mrs. Thurston had been a resident of this town for the past twenty years. She was born in Milan, N. H., in 1888.

Mrs. Elmer Eldridge and daughter, Laura, have gone to Millinocket for the winter, where Mr. Eldridge is located.

Miss Julia L. Murphy of Auburn, who succeeded Professor Bennett D. Charbon as commercial teacher and head of that department at Rumford High School, has tendered her resignation, and is to go to Washington, D. C., where she will care for the family of her brother. Her successor will be Miss Helen Greeley of Bar Harbor. Miss Greeley comes very highly recommended, and is a graduate of the University of Maine, and has taken special teacher training courses in Business Education in the University of California. She has taught in commercial schools in California and one year at Northeast Harbor, Maine.

Plans are under way for a new course in night school to give the ladies of the town an idea of how to buy and prepare their Christmas gifts. Their class will be given by Miss M. Sanford Cooche, but as it comes under the Vocational Evening Course, and the town will receive Federal aid for the course, Mr. P. H. Booker will supervise and outline the course.

The recently elected officers of Parity Rebekah Lodge are: Noble Grand—Miss Lella Saunders; Vice Grand—Miss Eliza Cross; Secretary—Lena Fell; Treasurer—Miss Mae Abbott. Mr. Harold Smithwick and family are moving from one of the Abbott houses on Franklin street, where they have resided for the past few years, and will now reside in Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Poulin will move into the rent vacated by them, and Mr. and Mrs. Britton will take the rent on Franklin street vacated by the Poulins. Two former employees of the Inter-

national Paper Co., were before Justice John A. Morrill on Monday morning of this week in the Rumford court, charged by the International Paper Co. with contempt of the court order forbidding picketing and congregating near the I. P. property, or interfering in any way with the employees of that Company. These two men ignored that order on Sunday, Dec. 17th, assaulting employees of the Company, and were arrested by local officers, hence the action of the Supreme Court. On the advice of their counsel, both men pleaded guilty, and after a lecture to these two men by the Judge, explaining to them what the laws of the State mean in such cases, Frank Duca was given a suspended sentence, and allowed to go on good behavior, and Nichola Bevilacqua was sentenced to two months in South Paris jail. This man is already under \$1000 bonds for a previous offence of the same nature, and will undoubtedly be tried at the February term of Court.

The annual ball given by the Alumni of Rumford High School will be held at the Municipal Hall sometime during this school term.

Arthur Henry, son of Ephraim Henry of the Rumford Public Market, has been elected to succeed Ena C. Carrier as manager of the local K. of C. basketball quintette.

The R. Club of Rumford High School have ordered gold pins to be worn by the members. The custom for this year will be for a large black "R" to be worn for all sports. Vice President Alexander Kowalsky has been named chairman of the R. P. Club and Clinton Stewart chairman of the letter committee.

South Woodstock

The Misses Myrtle and Mary Hendrickson have been spending a ten day vacation from their school at Pine Tree Academy, Auburn, Me., with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hendrickson.

Miss Pearl Green and Miss Ruby Bell also from the school accompanied them home and spent the vacation with them. They all returned Jan. 2.

Michael Naimy of Bethel has been in this vicinity for a few days with his dry goods cart. He stayed at A. R. Hendrickson's.

The union school began Monday with the same teacher.

Miss Doris L. Beck has been at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Beck, over the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Maud Benson is at home for awhile. She has been working for E. J. Mann at West Paris.

Mrs. Leah Chamberlain and two children, Robert and Wilbur, and Mr. Sidney Russell of Milton are spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beck.

Mr. Wallace Farley of Richmond, Me., was a guest at A. R. Hendrickson's, New Year's Day, and returned to his school at Pine Tree Academy, Auburn, Me., Monday.

Mr. Charles Silver spent the week end in Norway.

Mr. Charles Keith of West Paris called on friends and relatives in this neighborhood, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Littlehale and three children of North Paris were guests of her aunt, Mrs. Georgia Hendrickson, Sunday.

Motto Wanted for 3d Infantry, National Guard

Army regulations prescribe that each organization of the Army of the United States entitled to carry colors or standards shall have a coat of arms or badge placed on the organization's colors or standard in lieu of the shield and crest of the United States; that above the eagle's head similarly, the organization motto shall replace that of the United States on the scroll in the eagle's beak.

At a meeting of the officers of the 3d Infantry, Maine National Guard, soon to be redesignated the 103d Infantry, held at Portland on December 17th and 18th, that regiment adopted as a badge to be placed above the eagle's head on the regimental colors of the organization the following: A gold star upon which is superimposed a pine tree. This badge will also be worn by all members of the organization on the left shoulder of the uniform coat.

Considerable discussion was held pertaining to the adoption of a motto for the organization and such mottoes as "Fido," "Sequere," "We can let's go!" "We will, let's go!" "We can, let's go!" "Come on, let's go!" were proposed but nothing definite was adopted and it was decided to request the people throughout the State of Maine, through the press, to offer suggestions for a proper motto for the regiment. It is not the desire of the organization to adopt any word or expression of a Latin nature but rather something in English, the meaning of which will be readily understood by all. To be symmetrical the motto should be divided into two or four words within the scroll, one half on either side of the eagle's beak.

Any suggestions for a motto may be sent either to the Citizen office or to the office of the Adjutant General, Augusta, Maine.

Envelopes from 6 cents to 30 cents per bunch, and paper from 10 cents to 65 cents per pound at the Citizen Office.

An Inaccessible Peak

By CLARISSA MACKIE.

G. 1921, by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.

Travers' last memory of his sister was a slim gray form leaning against the white pillars of the porch. Her large eyes were still troubled and her fair face very sad. Viola's trouble was a mystery to him—she had always been such a gay, irresponsible creature, and now in the last few years she had sobered into a woman who went about as if her heart was in some other world.

He had racked his brain to think of some reason for her change, and when he had a chance to take a brief vacation he had thought of his old classmate, Jimmie Ladd, who had built a studio in the heart of the whites and had not been seen by civilization man for several years. Old Jimmie, once a wizard among girls, would at least have a guess at Viola's preoccupation.

"What the deuce are you doing here?" gasped Jimmie when he gripped Travers' hand. "Anything happened? Everybody well and happy?" There was a sudden sharpness in his tone. Travers met the honest scrutiny of those brilliant blue eyes. "All well," he smiled.

"And—Viola—your sister?" Ladd was bending to caress a beautiful colt.

"Very well, thanks. No need to ask you how you enjoy solitude—you're hard, and thin, and rugged—man, you've worked yourself to a bone."

"Work agrees with me. I'm very fit these days. There, Sheila, lassie, run away—scout!" He clapped his hands and the animal leaped upon him playfully. "She belonged to my young brother Bob—you know he went to Flanders—never came back—"

Ladd's face was hidden a moment behind the colt's snout and then suddenly lifted to show the eyes dalled with

"Has 'The Peak' in Her Room?"

In an attempt to locate the monarch of all American elms, the American Genetic association discovered a few years ago what is now thought to be the largest specimen of ulmus americana in existence. The trunk of this giant measures 85 feet in circumference. A remarkable record for one small seed! It reached these colossal proportions in the soil of West Virginia.

According to tree experts an elm almost equally large has since been found at Bathbone, Ohio. It measures 82 feet in girth and has a spread of 125 feet. It has five limbs as large as ordinary trees branching out from the main trunk. The age of this majestic specimen is estimated at from 600 to 700 years.

A record quite as remarkable is accredited to "The Great Elm" of Wethersfield, Connecticut. This tree reached the enormous dimensions of 23 feet in girth and 100 feet in height at the estimated age of 250 years.

"The monarch Elm" of Boston, blown down in 1870, was only 22 feet in circumference and 75 feet in height, while the "Washington Elm" at Cambridge, perhaps the best known of all American trees, can boast only a mere 14 feet of girth and 41 in height.

Island of "Beauty Doctors." The women of the Marquesas probably have commanded more superlatives than any other human or physical feature of the South seas. They are said to "possess beautiful, luxuriant hair, fine eyes, perfect teeth, a slender, graceful form, a skin of velvet texture and unblemished complexion, and their physical attractions are combined with a vivacity of spirit and action." Their use of coconut oil for a massage has been emulated by the belles of more civilized lands, but the local fat-tallow is one beauty aid which still is peculiarly their own.—National Geographic Society Bulletin.

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"I can't leave this place now," said the hermit painter, but his eyes flashed with old fire.

"Let your man keep it, then you and Viola can come back together and honeymoon here; nothing grander—you and Viola and Sheila—"

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—With his two daughters, Alice and Cherry, the latter just eighteen years old, and his niece, Anne, Doctor Strickland, retired, is living at Mill Valley, a short distance from the city. His closest friend is Peter Joyce, something of a recluse. Visiting in the vicinity, Martin Lloyd, mining engineer, falls in love with and secretly becomes engaged to Cherry.

CHAPTER II.—While the family is speculating as to the intentions of Cherry, she brings him to supper, practically announcing her engagement to him.

CHAPTER III.—Doctor Strickland feels Cherry is too young to marry and urges her to wait at least a year, but the girl coaxes him into agreeing to an immediate wedding and the ceremony takes place the couple leaving at once for El Nido, where Martin is employed.

CHAPTER IV.—The honeymoon days over, Cherry begins to feel a vague dissatisfaction with Martin and the monotony of her daily life.

CHAPTER V.—At Mill Valley, Justin Little, lawyer, becomes engaged to Anne, the wedding being set for September, a month distant. Alice visits Cherry at El Nido and the two girls coax Martin into allowing Cherry to go home for Anne's wedding.

CHAPTER VI.—In her father's house Cherry contrasts the peaceful, happy life there with her rather sordid existence at El Nido and realizes that her marriage has been something of a failure. Doctor Strickland, feeling that Cherry is not fit to be a wife, tells her that she is unwelcome in the house and urges her to return to her husband. She makes preparations for her departure.

CHAPTER VII.—Peter Joyce tells Cherry he has had a "grand passion" in his life, but the woman was not for him. He does not reveal her name. Cherry rejects his husband.

CHAPTER VIII.—The young wife's dissatisfaction increases and there is an almost open break. Martin has a brief spell of sickness and something of her old feeling for him returns to Cherry.

CHAPTER IX.—Doctor Strickland is stricken suddenly with what all perceive is a fatal illness. Alice summons Cherry to her father's deathbed after the doctor's death it is discovered that years ago he had borrowed money from Anne's father and she is now the debt was never discharged. With accumulated interest the amount practically consumes all the money the doctor left. Justin Little makes it manifest that he will insist on his wife's claims. It means that the two girls are left with practically nothing.

It was here that Peter found Cherry. She came up to him, and he took both her hands and, after a second of hesitation, kissed her. She freed one hand to put it on his shoulder and, standing so, she seriously resumed his kiss. For a moment his arms encircled her waist; he had forgotten how blue her eyes were, with just a hint of corn-colored hair, and above them, and what husky, exquisite, childish notes were in her voice.

"Cherry—this is the nicest thing that has happened for a long, long while!" he said.

"You and Alice are angels to let me come!" Cherry answered, as they turned, and with laughter and eager, interrupted talking went back to the house.

Cherry, Peter saw at once, was different in every way. Cherry was full of softness, of ready response to any appeal, of sympathy and comprehension. She had been misunderstood, unhappy, neglected; she had developed through suffering a certain timidity that was almost a shrinking, a certain shy clinging to what was kind and good.

Her happiness here was an hourly delight to both Alice and herself. She seemed to flower softly; every day of the simple forest life brought her new interest, new energy, new bloom. She and Alice washed their hair again, dammed the creek again, tramped and sang down again. Sometimes they cooked, often they went into the old senseless spasms of laughter at nothing, or almost nothing.

One evening, when in the sitting room there was no other light than that of the fire that a damp July evening made pleasant, about a week after her arrival, Cherry spoke for the first time of Martin. She had had a long letter from him that day, ten pages written in a fine hand on ten pages of the lined paper of a cheap hotel, with a little cut of a building standing boldly against a backdrop sky at the top of each page. He was well, he had some of his distance at the hotel, and that it was he had been playing a little poker and was luckier than ever. He was looking into a proposition in Durango, Mexico, and would let her know how it panned out.

Peter had been playing the piano lazily when the letter was tossed to Cherry by Alice, who usually drove into the village every morning after breakfast for marketing and the mail. He had seen Cherry glance through it, seen the little distasteful movement of the muscles about her nose, and seen her put it carelessly under a candlestick on the mantel for later consideration. At luncheon she had referred to it, and now it evidently had caused her to be thoughtful and a little troubled.

asked.

"I suppose that's the plan," Cherry said, lifelessly. "He says he'll want me to join him about the middle of August."

"Oh, help!" Alice said, disgustedly. Cherry was silent a few minutes, and Peter smoked with his eyes on the fire.

"Cherry said presently, 'If I get my money I'll have enough to live on, won't I, Peter?'"

"You'll have about forty thousand dollars—yes, at five per cent you could live on that. Especially if you lived here in the valley," Peter answered, after some thought.

"Then I want you to know," Cherry went on quietly, with sudden scintillation in her cheeks, "that I'm going to tell Martin I think we have tried it long enough!"

Peter looked gravely at her, soberly nodded, and resumed his study of the fire. But Alice spoke in brisk protest.

"Tried it! You mean tried marriage! But one doesn't try marriage! It's a fact. It's like the color of your eyes."

"Alice," the little sister pleaded eagerly, "you don't know what it is—I don't know what it is! Always meeting people I don't like; always living in places I hate; always feeling that my own self is being smothered and lost and shrunk; always listening to Martin complaining and criticizing people!"

Peter interrupted seriously: "I'll go this far, Cherry. Lloyd married you too young."

"Oh, far too young!" she agreed quickly. "The thing I—I can't think of," she said, "is how young I was—only a little girl. I knew nothing; I wasn't ready to be anybody's wife!"

Something in the poignant sorrow of her tone went straight to their hearts, and for the first time Peter had an idea of the real suffering she had borne.

"If I had a child, even, or if Martin needed me," Cherry said, "then it might be different! But I'm only a burden to him—"

"His letter doesn't sound as if he thought of you as a burden," Alice suggested mildly.

"Ah, well, the minute I leave him he has a different tone," Cherry explained, and Peter said, with a glance almost of surprise at his wife:

"It's an awfully difficult position for a woman of any pride, dear!"

Alice, kneeling to adjust the fire, as she was constantly tempted to do, met his look and laid a soot-streaked hand on his knee.

"Dearest, of course it is! But—"

But—Alice looked doubtfully from one to the other—"but divorce is a hateful thing," she added, shaking her head. "It—it never seems to me justifiable."

"Divorce is an institution," Peter said. "You may not like it any more than you like prisons or madhouses; it has its uses."

"People get divorced every day," Cherry added. "Isn't divorce better than living alone, in marriage—without love?"

"Oh, love!" Alice said scornfully. "Love is just another name for passion and selfishness and laziness half the time!"

"You can say that, because yours is one of the happy marriages," Cherry said. "It might be very different—"

If Peter weren't Peter!

As she said his name she sent him her trusting smile; her blue eyes shone with affection, and the exquisite curve of her mouth drew. Peter smiled back, and looked away in a little confusion.

"I can't imagine the circumstances under which I shouldn't love you and Peter!" Alice summarized it, triumphantly.

"And Martin?" Peter asked.

"Ah, well! I didn't marry Martin!" he wife reminded him quickly. "I didn't promise to love and honor Martin in sickness and health; for richer, for poorer, for better, for worse—"

George! Alice interrupted herself, for her husband was "these age terrible words" can have. And a promise is a promise!

"And then for infidelity you don't believe people ought to separate!" Cherry asked.

"Nonsense!" Peter said.

"But you said that Martin never—"

"No, I'm not speaking of Martin now!"

"Well, wouldn't that come under 'worse'?" Alice asked.

"But, my child," Peter expostulated kindly, "my dear benighted wife—there is such a thing as a soul—a mind—a personality! To be tied to a well, to a coarsening influence day after day is living death! It is worse than any bodily discomfort—"

"I don't see it," Alice protested. "I think there's a lot of nonsense talked about the human body—"

as if you had a home and meals and books and friends and the country to walk in, you—"

"Oh, heavens, Alice, you don't know what you're talking about!" Cherry interrupted her impatiently. "Sometimes I think your marriage is as queer as my own."

Nothing more was said for several days upon the subject of a possible divorce. One afternoon Peter crossed the porch, tired and hot, and found everything apparently deserted. He dropped into a chair, and was still breathless from the rapid climb up hill, when stray notes from the piano reached his ears; a chord, a carefully played bit of bass; then a chord again. Then slowly, but with delicate accuracy and even feeling, Cherry began to play a strange little study of Schumann.

Peter knew it was Cherry, because Alice's touch was always firm and sure; more than that, he himself had played

this same bit no longer ago than last night, and he remembered now that Cherry had asked him just what it was.

He experienced a sudden and pleasing emotion; he did not stop to analyze it. But he had been ruffled in spirit a moment before; Alice had known he was to come on this train and had not met him with the car; and while he really did not mind the walk up, he disliked the feeling that they had entirely forgotten him.

Presently there was silence; then Cherry tried another little study and finished it, and the hot summer stillness reigned again.

With a sense that he had been doing wrong, it only for a few minutes, Peter opened his eyes. Framed in the cabin doorway, peering like a hunter's against the dark background of the room, stood Cherry. He knew that she had been standing so for some time, for a full minute, perhaps more.

They looked at each other in a silence that grew more and more awkward by great plunges. Peter had

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CHAPTER XII.

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The surprise of it kept them laughing, hands clasped, for a minute; then Cherry said:

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He read her honest blue eyes truly, and knew that although, like himself, she was conscious of the new sweetness and brightness of life, she had never entertained for an instant the flitting thought that it was Peter's feeling for her that made it so. She thought, perhaps, that it would be the old childish happiness that she had known in the valley, the freedom and leisure and irresponsibility of the old days.

The next day she talked in a troubled, uncertain way of going back to Red Creek, and he knew why. But Alice was so against the idea, and Peter, who was closing Dr. Strickland's estate, was so careful to depart early in the morning and return only late at night, that the little alarm, if it was that, died away.

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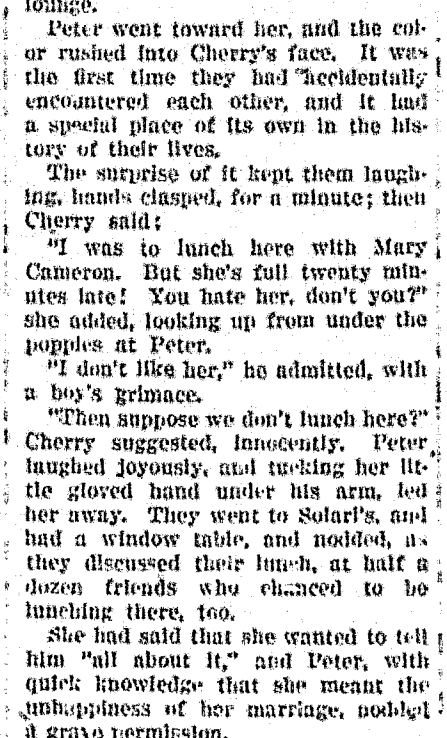
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They met Alice on the boat, but she did not ask any embarrassing questions; she sat between them on the upper deck, blinking contentedly at the blue sailing gulls, her eyes following the wheeling gulls or the passage of ships, her mind evidently concerned only with the life pleasantness of the moment. And always, for Peter, there was the same joyous sense of something new—something significant—something essential in life.

From that hour he was never quiet at home in Cherry's company and avoided being alone with her even for an instant, although her presence always caused him the now and then a little embarrassment.

He read her honest blue eyes truly, and knew that although, like himself, she was conscious of the new sweetness and brightness of life, she had never entertained for an instant the flitting thought that it was Peter's feeling for her that made it so. She thought, perhaps, that it would be the old childish happiness that she had known in the valley, the freedom and leisure and irresponsibility of the old days.

The next day she talked in a troubled, uncertain way of going back to Red Creek, and he knew why. But Alice was so against the idea, and Peter, who was closing Dr. Strickland's estate, was so careful to depart early in the morning and return only late at night, that the little alarm, if it was that, died away.

For half an hour! You can have all the moonlight there is, Peter." Her white figure fluttered toward the door. "Good night!" she said, dropping her little head to choke a yawn. A moment later he heard her laughing with Alice.

"You fool—you fool—you fool!" Peter said to himself, and he felt an emotion like shame, a little real compunction that he could so utterly misread her innocence. He felt it not only wrong in him, but somehow stalling and hurtful to her.

CHAPTER XII.

Again Peter reckoned without Cherry. It was only the next day, when he was entering the Palace court for his lunch, that he experienced a sudden and violent emotion. His thoughts were, at the moment, far from Cherry, and he fancied himself in a hurry. But every other feeling but excitement was obliterated at the sight of a slender, girlishly made woman, in a pounce gown, and a limp brown hat covered with poppies, waiting in the lounge.

Peter went toward her, and the color rushed into Cherry's face. It was the first time they had accidentally encountered each other, and it had a special place of its own in the history of their lives.

The surprise of it kept them laughing, hands clasped, for a minute; then Cherry said:

"I was to lunch here with Mary Cameron. But she's left twenty minutes late! You hate her, don't you?" she added, looking up from under the poppies at Peter.

"I don't like her," he admitted, with a boy's grimace.

"Then suppose we don't lunch here?" Cherry suggested, innocently. Peter laughed joyously, and tucking her little gloved hand under his arm, led her away. They went to Solar's, and had a window table, and nodded, as they discussed their lunch, at half a dozen friends who chanced to be lunching there, too.

She had said that she wanted to tell him "all about it," and Peter, with quick knowledge that she meant the unhappiness of her marriage, nodded a grave permission.

"I've made a failure of it," Cherry said, sadly. "I know I ought to struggle on, but I can't. I have no individuality. Peter, I have no personality! As for my dignity—my privacy—"

Her face was scarlet, and for a moment she stopped speaking.

"Just tell me an alternative," she said, after a while. "It can't be that there is no other life for me than going back. Peter, I'm only twenty-four!"

"I know you are," he said, with a brief nod.

"Why, every one has some alternative," Cherry pleaded. "It can't be that marriage is the only—the only respectable thing. If you had a passion that you couldn't get on with, you could come to me—"

The next time that Cherry went to town, Alice did not go, and Peter, sitting on the deck of the early boat with her, asked her again to have luncheon with him. Immediately a cloud fell on her face and he saw her breast rise quickly.

"Peter," she asked him childishly, looking straight into his eyes, "why didn't we tell Alice about that?"

Peter tried to laugh and felt himself begin to tremble again.

"About what?" he stammered.

"About our having been three hours at lunch last week?"

"Why—I don't know!" Peter said, smiling nervously.

She was silent, and they parted without any further reference to meeting for lunch.

That night, when Alice had gone to bed, he entered the sitting room suddenly to find Cherry hunting for a book. She had dropped on one knee, the better to reach a low shelf, and was wholly absorbed in the volume she had chanced to open.

When she heard the door open she turned, and immediately became very pale. She did not speak as Peter came to stand beside her.

"Cherry—" he said in a whisper, his face close to hers. Neither spoke again for a while. Cherry was breathing hard; Peter was conscious only of a wild whirling of brain and senses.

They remained so, their eyes fixed, their breath coming as if they had been running, for endless seconds.

"You remember the question you asked me this morning?" Peter said. "Do you remember? Do you remember?"

Cherry, her cold fingers still holding the place in the book she had been reading, went blindly to the fireplace.

"What?" she said, in the merest breath. "What?"

"Because," Peter said, following her a sort of heady madness making him only conscious of that need to hear from her own lips that she knew, "because I didn't answer that question honestly!"

It mattered not what he said, or what he was trying to express; both were enveloped in the flame of their new relationship; surprise and terror were compelling even the strange joy of their discovery.

"I must go home—I must go back to Mart tomorrow," Cherry said, in a whispered undertone, as if half to herself. "I must go home to Mart tomorrow! I—let's not—let's not talk!"

She broke off in quick interruption, as he would have spoken. "Let's—let's not talk! I—where is my book?"

What was I doing? Peter—Peter—"

"Just a minute," Peter protested thickly. "Cherry—I want to speak to you—will you wait a minute?"

She was halfway to the door; now she paused, and looked back at him with frightened eyes. Peter did not speak at once; there was a moment of absolute silence.

And in that moment Alice came in. She had said good-night half an hour before; she was in her wrapper and her hair fell over one shoulder in a rumpled braid. Cherry, sick with fright, faced her in a sort of horror, unable to realize at that moment that there was nothing betraying in her attitude or Peter's, and nothing in her sister's unassuming soul to give significance to what she saw, in any case, Peter, more quickly recovering self-control, went toward his wife.

"Peter," she said, "Cherry! Look at this! Look at this!"

She held the paper out to them, but it was rather at her that they looked, as all three gathered near the hearth again.

"I happened to finish my novel," Alice said, "and I reached for Daddy's Bible—it's been there on the shelf near my bed ever since I was married, and I've never read it, too! But look what was in it—there all this time! It's Victor Vincent's receipt to Dad for that three thousand that is making all the trouble!"

Alice excitedly to the still bewildered Cherry. "It's been there all this time—and Cherry," she added in a voice rich with love and memory, "that's what he meant by saying it was in Matthew, don't you remember?"

Doesn't it mean that, Peter? Isn't it perfectly clear?"

It meant only about fifty thousand for you and Cherry! Peter answered.

"Yes, sir, by George—it's perfectly clear! He paid it back—every cent of it, and got his receipt! I'm—this puts rather a crimp in Little's plans—I'll see him tomorrow. This calls off his suit!"

